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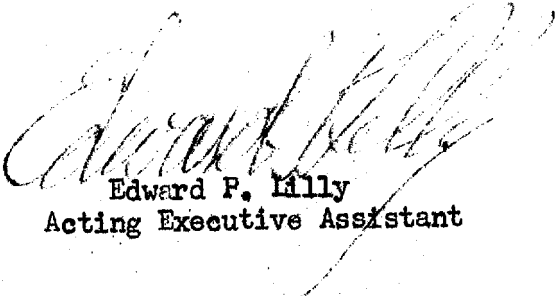
February 2, 1954

MEMORANDUM FOR THE BOARD ASSISTANTS

SUBJECT: PSB D-31

The attached memorandum from [] is circulated
for the consideration of the Board Assistants. If no objections are
received, this paper will be left off of the Status Report of
10 February and subsequent reports.

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Edward P. Lilly
Acting Executive Assistant

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Memo fr [] to
Mr. Staats dtd 18 January 1954.

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CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE AGENCY
WASHINGTON 25, D. C.

18 January 1954

MEMORANDUM FOR: Mr. Elmer B. Staats
Executive Officer
Operations Coordinating Board

SUBJECT: PSB D-31

The weekly OCB status report shows PSB paper D-31 as having been assigned to CIA for action. This paper, the so-called "Stevens Paper", was prepared during the summer of 1952, was conditionally approved by the PSB in September 1952 and formally approved in November 1952. It is entitled "A Strategic Concept for a National Psychological Program" and deals primarily with covert operations. Aside from a valuable general discussion, its principal recommendations are for certain studies and plans to be made by CIA.

Several subsequent PSB papers with respect to specific areas cover some of the same ground. Other recommendations are embraced in specific operational plans which have been developed by CIA, some of which are pursuant to NSC papers issued since 1952. In general, the emphasis has shifted from the idea of so-called psychological programs as such to the inclusion of informational and propaganda aspects as well as covert operations as adjuncts of over-all national policies.

Accordingly, it is believed by CIA that it is no longer necessary to consider D-31 as a separate paper requiring independent treatment. The studies and plans suggested are either included under other OCB items or have been incorporated in CIA planning under its basic charter.

CIA recommends, therefore, that the paper D-31 be considered as superseded and that the item relating to it be deleted from the OCB list of pending matters.

/s/
Operations Coordinating Board
Assistant

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